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"MY NAME IS HAYES"—With this phrase characteristic of the Commanding General, Third Service Command, Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes greets a McGuire patient during his tour of hospital facilities this morning with participants in service command's conference of post commanders.

16 Generals in Inspection Tour of McGuire Facilities

Participants in the eighth monthly conference of post and district commanding officers of Third Service Command installations interrupted their sessions this morning for a 75-minute tour of McGuire facilities, escorted by Colonel Duggins and selected staff officers.

Included in the party of about 80 military dignitaries were Major Generals Philip Hayes, Commanding General, Third Service Command, and Charles Harris, Commanding General, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, and 14 brigadier generals.

At 11 a.m., a caravan of five staff cars and two busses was met at the main gate by the escorting party. By means of a loudspeaker on a sound truck, which took the lead in the convoy, key points on the post were called to the attention of guests.

After circling the post, the convoy assembled in front of post headquarters, and visiting dignitaries formed into eight touring groups.

On the itinerary were operating rooms, Physio-Therapy, Occupa-

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Hypnotist Here

Captain Melvin R. Jones can talk anything into anybody and he will try to talk it into you next Wednesday.

Captain Jones, in civilian life and after numerous tours through general hospitals, earned himself the reputation of one of the world's greatest hypnotists. In addition to being master of the one-man hypnotic show, he is holder of a Doctor of Psychology degree.

Captain Jones will appear in the Red Cross auditorium next Wednesday at 7 p.m., preceded by ward tours beginning at 2 p.m.

His appearance here is made possible by the efforts of Captain Leslie Milgrim, special service officer of Camp Lee.

Farmer's Daughter, Hula Highspot 'Hawaiian Hepcats'

Shades of Honolulu and surrounding scenery take over Red Cross stage tonight when Special Services' newly formed talent workshop presents "Hawaiian Hepcats," a rollicking variety revenue featuring a large cast of McGuire performers. Show time is 7 p.m.

"The Salesman and the Hawaiian Farmer's Daughter," a one-act sketch written by Pvt. "Shorty" Selkow will pace the show, which will also be highspotted by a hilarious hula starring Cpl. Joe Wright and Pfc. "Red" Brasselle, McGuire bandsmen.

Perkins Daredevil Dogs, a professional act from Richmond, will furnish spills and thrills while a liting treat comes with Pfc. Roy De Venney's rendition of "Trees."

Parodies novelties and girls make up top-notch acts to round out the show.

Master of ceremonies and director of the revue is Herb Mack of the Special Services staff.

Sports Field Takes Shape in Gym Area

Authorization has been received from Colonel Duggins for immediate construction of an athletic field in the open area between Building 303 and the gymnasium, it was announced today by Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer.

Plans for the field, on which construction has already begun, include building of a backstop and "skinning" of base paths for a softball diamond, and setting up a volleyball, horseshoe and badminton courts.

A second softball diamond is planned for the near future.

The site for the athletic field is expected to be changed, Lt. Berman said, when a swimming pool already authorized for McGuire is built where the present field is laid out. At that time, the proposed new athletic field will be established in the open space opposite the enlisted men's barracks.

The athletic area will serve as home field for the McGuire Generals during the forthcoming softball season. Home games during last year's season were played at Fonticello Park, in Richmonds south side. The field will also be available for patient's reconditioning and voluntary sports activities, Lt. Berman added.

It is also hoped, he said, that post personnel, including civilians, will regard the field as the hospital outdoor athletic center, and make extensive use of it in their off-duty hours.

Temporary beachers with a capacity of 800 persons will be set up along the baselines of the ball field, to accomodate spectators at the Generals' games and other contests.

7 Patients Apply For Medic Badge

Seven McGuire patients have already been recommended to the Adjutant General for award of the Medical Badge, with others expected to be recommended for the award as their eligibility is determined, according to Lt. Pat R. Brewer, commanding officer, detachment of patients.

The badge was created in a War Department circular dated March 1, for medical personnel who have served on the line with the infantry and "who are daily sharing with the infantry the hazards and hardships of combat." No extra pay in connection with the badge is authorized by the circular.

The seven patients who have been recommended are: Tec 4 Michael George, Ward 14; Tec 5 William R. Harty, Ward 44; Pvt. Leonard Greenberg, Ward 39; Pvt. Wilson E. Waer, Ward 18; Pvt. Howard B. Dunkel, Ward 44; Tec 5 Clarence A. Lang, Ward 50; and Pvt. John H. Turner, Ward 10.

Any individual who believes himself eligible for the Medical Badge, according to the circular, may apply by letter to the Adjutant General through his detachment commander "stating in detail the detachment, regiment and division in which he was serving when the badge was believed to have been earned, dates of such service, specific reasons why the badge was believed to have been earned, applicant's present organization and its address, and such other information as may be helpful in determining his right to such award."

Since members of the Medical Department are protected personnel under the terms of the Geneva Convention, the right to wear the badge may be temporarily withdrawn upon transfer or assignment of the individual to duties other than medical in which he may come in contact with the enemy.

Monkeyshines, Movie Share Fun Card

"Monkeyshines at McGuire," WRNL's mad patient-quiz show is slated for its regular Friday night broadcast from the Red Cross coupled with a showing of "Eadie Was a Lady," a movie for patients only.

"Monkeyshines" time is 7 p.m. with the movie scheduled to follow at about 8:15. By special permission of Colonel Duggins, patients attending the broadcast may stay out of their wards until conclusion of the show if it continues beyond regular curfew time.

No Zoot Suits

Patients were reminded this week by Colonel Duggins that they are to be in full uniform when appearing in front of the administration building. Convalescent suits are not to be worn there except during special ceremonies upon specific authorization.

Benning Bound



EXPECTING TO LEAVE SHORTLY for Infantry Officer Candidate School, Sgt. Phil Williams, Fiscal Office, who claims he can outwalk any soldier on the post, makes a physical inspection of his feet before being called upon to make good that claim. Williams is already a veteran of the North African campaign.

'Russian Revels' Steppes Up Saturday For Return Engagement at Red Cross

In a repeat performance before McGuire patients and personnel, "Russian Revels," hit USO-Camp Show will be on hand for ward shows Monday and a Red Cross performance Saturday at 7 p.m.

The revue earned applause at its previous performance here last fall, which marked it among the most warmly greeted entertainments to be staged at McGuire.

Ten veteran exponents of the spirited and gay song and dance of Russia make up the show which highlights that country's culture.

Leading off is Sergei Tavasieff, premier dancer of the General Platoon Don Cossack Chorus. Mr. Tavasieff is the possessor of a certificate from Mikhail Kalinin, President of the U.S.S.R., in appreciation of his famous dagger dance in which he uses nine daggers.

Nicholas Molotoff, Russian born singer, appears with "Russian Revels," after completing tours with Metropolitan and San Francisco Operas.

Jane Melnikova is an outstanding young American dancer whose rigorous classical ballet training, under both Italian and Russian masters, has caused her to be known as



Russian Revels

the only girl dancer possessing the technical ability to execute the most difficult Russian dances with the same perfection and strength as the best male dancers.

Sergei Malavsky, pianist and musical head of the group, comes with the experience of a Holly-

wood musical director.

Adding to the gaiety of the performance will be Marinoff, dancer; Mamantova, singer; Rose der Manuelian, dancer; Sandra Karina, singer; Jean Verdugo, musical novelty; and Eugene Sablin, singer and dancer.

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Army Training, Experience Now Worth School Credit

By Camp Newspaper Service

This is addressed to servicemen and women everywhere, but primarily to those who plan to return to school after the war.

You can earn academic credit, while still in service, not only for satisfactorily completing courses offered through the facilities of the United States Armed Forces Institute, but also for a wide variety of military training and experience.

Even your basic training has an educational value, in the opinion of leading American educators. So have the various courses offered by Army and Navy Schools, and actual experience handling a Service job.

USAFI officials and leading American educators have devised certain guides and procedures designed to assure every serviceman and woman a fair evaluation by U.S. schools and colleges of his military training and experience and off-duty educational studies.

The plan seeks to avert the mistakes made following the last war, when accreditation for military training and experience was haphazard, "hit-or-miss," and often on a simple "even-Stephen" basis—so much credit for so much time spent in service. Under this arrangement some men got more credit than they deserved and some got less.

NEW HANDBOOK

Keystone of the new plan is a handbook published by the American Council on Education, worked out in co-operation with the National Department of Secondary-School Principals, the great regional accrediting associations, the Army Education Branch in the Information and Education Division and the corresponding agencies in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

This booklet contains descriptions of the hundreds of training courses in the Armed Services—objectives, content, time allotment and admission requirements. It also

contains the judgments of educational experts on the appropriateness of accepting the course for credit in different types of civilian school or college programs. Published in up-to-date looseleaf form, it will be in the possession of practically all high school principals and college officials. With the handbook for ready reference, educators will be able readily to interpret and evaluate applications for credit from military personnel and need have only an accurate and reliable statement from the applicant.

APPLY FOR CREDIT

In order to facilitate the handling of such applications, USAFI has worked out a method whereby military personnel can apply directly to the schools or colleges of their choice for credit, with assurance of a speedy and fair evaluation.

Servicemen and women are urged to make application while still in service, because the action by the schools and colleges on their applications will provide a guide to the courses or studies they should pursue through USAFI, or in off-duty classes in order that they may resume their education after their return to civilian life at the most advanced level possible.

Personnel whose postwar educational plans are indefinite should submit credit applications to the school or college they think it most likely they will attend so that an official record of their military training and experience will be available if needed.

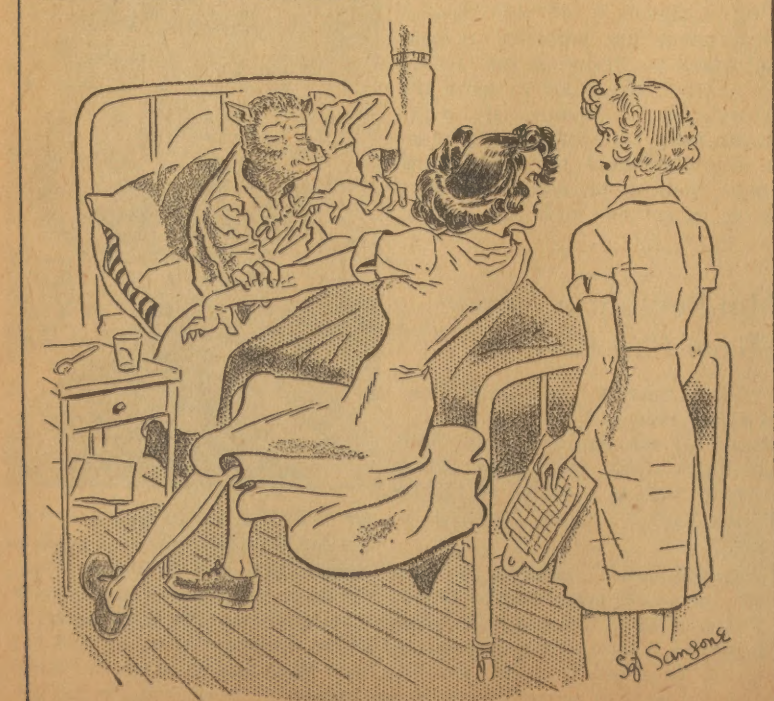
I&E OFFICER HAS FORM

A new application form, "Application For Credit For Educational Service," (USAFI Form No. 47, revised September 1944) has been devised for this purpose. Every I and E officer should have this form.

Femme: "You musn't, Bill, you're an officer and a gentleman."
Shavetail: "But its only a temporary appointment."

The Wolf by Sansone

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"He may be unconscious—but his reflexes are OK!"

Sixteen Generals Inspect McGuire

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tional Therapy, and Red Cross auditorium where a separation and classification class on radio was in progress featuring a performance by Kitty Breeze, WRVA vocalist, and H. B. Kenny, who conducted an actual news broadcast before the class. Also visited were A&D Office, dental clinic, laboratory, wards, VA buildings and mess halls. The party left the post at 12:15 p.m. proceeding to the John Marshall Hotel for lunch with Governor Darden, before resuming business sessions.

Colonel Duggins is co-host at the conference with Brig. Gen. Don E. Scott, Virginia District commander.

Bars and Stripes

To Private First Class
Pvt. Benjamin E. Brasselle

Library Notes

(Reader turns reviewer this week, as Library Notes welcomes its first guest columnist, Lt. Daniel O'Connell, patient in Ward 21.)

GENGHIS KHAN . . . Harold Lamb
Selling history to most of us is like trying to get rid of your brother-in-law when you've a bottle of Scotch. However, Harold Lamb must have attended the Institute of Applied Salesmanship as his name is now the trade mark of readable history. GENGHIS KHAN was one of his earliest props in the game. If you prefer your history in layman's language, independent of the usual lingo about "recessions and movements" you'll like this story of GENGHIS KHAN. A nomad, nurtured on the plains in the shadow of the Himalayas, an orphan with a price upon his head, in the course of half a century he swept across the face of the then-known world in a wave of conquest, pillage, and destruction. This is the story of an illiterate Mongol, formed by the savagery of his environment into one of the world's master military tacticians, told by a man who knows how to make history a living thing without sacrificing authenticity.

BLUE WATER VAGABOND Dennis Puleston

The majority of us cannot distinguish between a bowsprit and a belayin' pin, yet we get a kick out of the salty tales of someone else's naval adventures. BLUE WATER VAGABOND, a story of six years adventure aboard four different sailing ships by a couple of 21-year-olds falls in the above category. Not a new publication, as it appeared in 1939, it still ranks among the best in personal narratives. This story, simply told, devoid of travelogue romance but reflecting some of the healthy emotion of the author, runs the gamut of a 3500-mile sail across the Atlantic, a cruise through the West Indies, an interlude of cocooning growing when they ran out of money, an attempt to salvage treasure in the Galapagos, pearl-diving in the Solomons, the outbreak of War in China, and a return to home on a flea-infested Russian Train. It not new, but its still good reading for armchair, Marco Polos.

THE GREEN YEARS A. J. Cronin

All that has endeared Dr. Cronin's novels to so many readers is inherent in the GREEN YEARS, particularly his sympathetic understandings of human frailties and emotions, has burning sincerity in portraying the passions that motivate people in their sublime and ridiculous endeavors. It shows a segment of life as dramatic as any Dr. Cronin has pictured. Packed with incident, rich in background, it relates the development into manhood of a sensitive, trusting boy beset from every side with crushing difficulties. The foregoing verbiage is an extract from the flyleaf of the book and naturally is designed to further its sale. Since the book has been a top seller for months we have proof of the pudding.



Pfc. HANK SYVERSON
BUCKLEY ARMOR, BUCKLEY FIELD,
COLORADO

Vets Told Beware On GI Bill Fakes

ALBANY, (CNS) — "Come-on" advertising and misleading publicity about the loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights were hit in a recent speech by Edward S. Rooney, an Albany, N. Y. banker, before the New York State Veterans Service Agency.

Said Mr. Rooney: "I feel that the advertising that is put forth by banks generally and the misinformation that has unfortunately been disseminated to the veteran has created a very serious situation. The veteran feels that he is coming home to his bank and all he has to do is walk in and there is \$2000 waiting for him with his name on it.

"The fact is that this is entirely untrue and the banks, in my opinion, instead of using 'come-on' advertising, as they have been doing, should engage in an education campaign and explain to the veteran that if he borrows money he most certainly has to pay it back."

He declared that those interested in the veterans' welfare could perform a real service in their communities if they would "explain to the veterans and outline to the bank the real need for a frank discussion and explanation of that fact that the veteran is getting absolutely nothing free

McGuire Scroll of HONOR

The following McGuire civilian employees this week completed one year of consecutive service:

Mrs. Esther J. Barrett, mess hall; Mrs. Mozelle A. Hansen, mess hall; Joseph W. Butcher and John W. White of the quartermaster warehouse; Nathaniel Gilliam, Willie B. Parker and Leo F. Sullivan of post engineers.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.
Lenten Service.....Wed., 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:30 a.m.
Lenten Devotions..Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
Daily Mass.....12 noon

JEWISH

Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

except a part of the first year's interest, and that if he borrows money, it must be paid back."

Misleading publicity, he added has made some legitimate benefits of the GI Bill of Rights appear as careless gestures of charity rather than soberly-considered assistance for self-respecting men.



MY, MY.—What first three grader, back from overseas, plays the leading role in this McGuire drama? Seems as though a party was arranged by some civilian personnel to which certain detachment GI's were invited. During the evening our hero happened along and was invited inside for a drink. Before entering he asked for a roll call and upon learning none of those present saw service afar, turned and left, adding, "I never drink with anyone who hasn't been overseas".

With the constant changing of bunks and barracks due to the conversation it's hard to tell where one will be when he wakes up in the morning. Ask Pat Mulroe about his private room; well, semi-private anyhow!

If you happen to see any loose buttons lying around, please return them to Herb Goldberg at the Pharmacy. They popped off his pride-swelled chest when he learned that his kid brother, a medico, was awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star in successive months for his heroic actions in Belgium.

St. Patrick's day brought out the usual crop of Pat and Mike stories but the best tale of all was told at a Hull Street meeting of the unofficial McGuire Irish-American Society. It was the tragic story of an Irish wake. The first night all the neighbors came; the second, all the town; the third, all the county. Heaps of food and drink vanished as if by magic. A good time was had by all when one of the wakers appealed to the family of the departed, "Sure," he said, "with such a grand wake, 'tis pity to bury him at all. Let's just stuff him."!!!!

Is it true that Pfc. Irv Shulman was given a DS trip to Broad Street last week and that it was the first time he was off the post in months? Just curious.

Susie has a nice new skirt, So neat, so bright, so choosy; It never shows a speck of dirt, But gosh, how it shows Susie!

Jack and Jill fell down the hill A stunt that's mighty risky. If water made them act like that I think I'll stick to whisky.

Plans Listed For Passover Celebrations

Jewish patients and personnel at McGuire join Jewry throughout the world in the celebration of Passover from sundown, March 28, to sundown, April 5.

In planning for the forthcoming holy days, the National Jewish Welfare Board, in cooperation with the Post Chaplain and the Jewish community of Richmond, has announced elaborate plans to enable all Jewish patients and personnel who cannot be at home to attend services in the spirit of Passover.

Services will be held at all local synagogues to which servicemen have been invited. A reform seder will be held at the Servicemen's Center, Temple Beth Ahabah, 1117 W. Franklin Street, at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday. At the same time an orthodox seder will take place at the Hebrew Sheltering Aid Society, 215 North 19th Street.

Special Passover services will be held in the McGuire Chapel for patients who are unable to leave the post.

Reservations for either of the sedorim can be made by calling S-Sgt. Earl J. Rackoff, Post Chaplain's Office, extension 412, ring one.

Vets Get Priority On Surplus Disposal

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U. S. Senate has confirmed a 3-man Surplus Property Board in the Office of War Mobilization which will prescribe regulations governing disposition of an estimated \$100,000,000,000 worth of government-owned material, tools, plants, land and facilities.

Congress has directed the board to draw its regulations so as to give any lawful preferences to veterans in the disposal of any property useful in the establishment or maintenance of small business enterprises.

GI Discharged Because He Can't Wear ODs

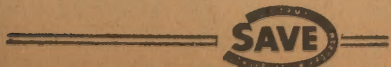
Camp Maxey, Tex. (CNS)—Men have been discharged from the Army for many reasons—some good and some bad—but the discharge of Pvt. Albert L. Van Derscheuren, of this post, is one of the strangest of all. Pvt. Van Derscheuren was returned to civilians because he is allergic to wearing ODs. After exhaustive tests, Army doctors were convinced that he developed a severe rash whenever ODs got close to his skin. The rash cleared up quickly when the ODs were taken away.

A sign in the Bronx: "Piano lessons; special pains given to beginners."

The MEAT AND POTATOES Boy-



Always leaves the vegetables on his plate—wastes tons of good food—while lack of vitamins makes him tired and tired.



SIR, THE FIRST SERGEANT HAS PERMISSION of the men to speak to the commanding officer is what Sgt. Bill Allison may have said when he visited Captain Jess H. Mann with a chow basket last week from men in the detachment. Captain Mann, detachment commander, is now well and back on duty.

Red Cross Thanks McGuire Personnel For Support

Colonel Duggins this week received a letter of thanks from the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross for McGuire's "very generous support . . . before and during the campaign" for Red Cross war funds.

The letter, signed by Mrs. Edward H. Bryson, chairman, publicity division, said in part, "It was good to feel that we had your interest and backing in this undertaking and that the outcome meant just as much to you over there as it did to us in the Richmond and Henrico chapters.

"Won't you be good enough," she concluded, "to express to your staff and to all those who cooperated with us so wholeheartedly our very real appreciation?"

No Basket Cases In War, Says WD

Washington (CNS)—There have been no "basket cases" among soldiers wounded in this war the War Department revealed in an announcement disclosing that 6027 Army men lost one or more limbs to Jan. 1.

Of the total, 331 men suffered the loss of 2 limbs. The remaining 5695 soldiers lost one arm or one leg. Only one triplicate case has been reported, Cpl. Ralph A. Brown, 28, of Youngstown, Ohio, who is in Walter Reed Hospital after having had both legs amputated at mid-thigh and his right arm amputated above the wrist.



Q. I was in the Pilot Training Program, but was eliminated because of a physical disability just before I was about to receive my commission. I have since heard that the standards were lowered, and I believe I could now meet the prescribed physical standards. Is there any way in which I could get reinstated?

A. War Department regulations prohibit the reinstatement to pilot training of those individuals who previously had been eliminated from training because of failure to meet prescribed standards for flying. However, such individuals may be eligible for further air crew training, i.e., bombardier or navigator.

Q. I expect to go back to my old job after my discharge. It is a full-time job as a copywriter with an advertising concern. I also expect to attend Law School full time in the evenings. Will I be eligible for the \$50 a month subsistence from the Veterans' Administration as well as free tuition under the GI Bill of Rights?

A. Your tuition will be paid by the Veterans' Administration provided you meet the scholastic and other requirements, but you will not be eligible to receive any subsistence payments during such time as you are fully employed at a gainful employment and are pursuing a course of studies not directly related to your employment.

Typewriter Repair Service Opened By Reconditioning

Arrangements have been completed for a typewriter repair service to be conducted by two McGuire enlisted men under supervision of Reconditioning Service.

Cpl. Vernon Smith and Pvt. Gilbert Smith, located in the rear of Warehouse No. 1, will repair typewriters, ediphones and adding machines.

To obtain the services of the two typewriter-Smiths, a work order must be submitted to Major Craig W. Muckle, reconditioning chief. Work orders will be accepted immediately, while the repair shop opens for business next Monday, Major Mauckle said.

Present Discharge Pin Retained by U. S.

Washington (CNS) — After a thorough study, representatives of the Army, Navy and Veterans Administration have decided to retain the present design of the discharge button which is given to all honorably discharged veterans of the present war. The button now is available with a pin-back or simply as a lapel button. The veteran is issued his button free upon his discharge. If the button is lost or destroyed, another may be obtained for 7 cents on presentation of his discharge papers to the Quartermaster Supply Officer at the nearest post, camp or station.

Day of Grace Now Included In Furlough

McGuire patients were warned today by Lt. Pat R. Brewer, commanding officer of the detachment of patients, that the final date shown on furloughs is the date they must report back on the post.

Lt. Brewer pointed out that under present regulations the additional "day of grace" authorized in the past was not shown on furlough papers. He said that many patients were accustomed to the extra 24-hour period beyond the final furlough date and that a number had been apprehended by Military Police for over-staying furloughs.

"Under present regulations, the day of grace is figured right into the furlough," Lt. Brewer explained. "In other words, if a man is given a 10-day furlough, the dates on his papers actually cover 11 days and the man must be back on the post by midnight of the final date showing."

The furlough banks now in use carry only one set of dates, in contrast to the old papers which showed the extra day of grace. Lt. Brewer said he understood that the old method of furloughs was still in use overseas, but that the new regulations were in force at McGuire.

Get Flower Orders To Red Cross Early!

The request that most McGuire patients make to Red Cross Gray Ladies these days is, "Please get some flowers to send home." Some roses for a wife, a potted plant for mother, an orchid corsage for the sweetheart—that's what seems to be the favorite gift of every veteran.

In cooperation with the Red Cross, florists of Richmond have arranged to give priority to purchases by McGuire patients. But there is a limit to each florist's stock of flowers. Many of them are already completely sold out on orchids and will be unable to get more in time for the Easter holiday. Some of the florists have a very low stock of roses.

Patients are urged to get flower requests to the Gray Ladies or Red Cross Information Desk as soon as possible as Richmond florists cannot fill any orders for out of town delivery in time for Easter received after Tuesday, March 27th.

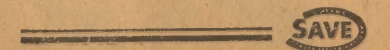
Fan Female

HOLLYWOOD (CNS) — Sally Rand, fan dancing artiste, won a legal battle against two photographers who claim she scratched and bit them after they took pictures of her when her fans were out of line. "After all," she testified, "a girl is entitled to some privacy." The judge agreed. "Case dismissed," said he.

Quick Jasper—the HOUSEWIFE!



When buttons pop and seams gap—make fast with the needle. An hour a week on uniform upkeep does wonders for a trim military appearance.



GI Dan Boones Can Still Make Comeback

We've left the covered wagon far behind, but the days of pioneering and homesteading are not over! There is plenty of room for us all, and in some of our states and Alaska there is public land that is still unsettled. The Government has made this available, under the homestead laws, to modern pioneers who will live on the land and cultivate it and make it profitable.

While the chances are still many and varied, don't leap before looking. Naturally, the opportunity for homesteading on the public domain in continental United States is greatly restricted today as compared with bygone years, after more than a century of activities resulting in the rapid disposal of the desirable tracts.

If you make homestead entry after receiving an honorable discharge following at least ninety days' service in World War II, the period of your military service (but

not exceeding two years) may be construed as equivalent to residence and cultivation upon the land for the same length of time.

Two years' credit, regardless of length of service over ninety days, will be given to veterans who were discharged because of wounds or disability incurred in the line of duty, or, if the veteran were regularly discharged and subsequently hospitalized or given compensation because of such wounds or disability. Thus, the three-year period of residence before receiving title or "patent" to the land may be shortened by as much as two years. No "patent" or title, will be issued to a veteran who has not lived on his homestead and complied with the other provisions of the homestead laws for at least one year.

The unmarried widow of a veteran who would be entitled to a homestead, or his orphaned minor children through an officially ap-

pointed guardian, may make the homestead entry, and subject to compliance with the provisions of the homestead laws for a period of at least one year, they will be entitled to all the benefits which would have been received by the veteran. If a person entitled to the benefits makes homestead entry and dies before completing title, leaving minor orphan children, the title can go to them without any proof of residence or cultivation.

Homesteading entries are handled by the United States Department of the Interior, and requests for further information should be addressed to the United States Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington 25, DC. However, Lt. Morrison, Personal Affairs Officer, can help you make the request if you wish to discuss the matter with him first. See him in the administration building or call 220.

3-State Area Soon to Get 25,000 PWs

About 25,000 German prisoners of war will be brought into Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania between the first of March and the first of June to help alleviate manpower shortages on military reservations and farms, Third Service Command Headquarters at Baltimore has announced.

Fifteen thousand of the PWs will be divided between Virginia and Pennsylvania, with 10,000 going to Maryland. They will be drawn from the pool of 100,000 prisoners who, the War Department has revealed, will be brought to this country during the Spring and Summer.

Third Service Command officials said that the large number was being assigned to this tri-state area in view of urgent requests for men in laundries, machine shops, garages, salvage yards and other facilities at Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania military installations, as well as on farms.

This new consignment of 25,000 PWs will boost the total number of prisoners in the Third Service Command to about 40,000.

Few Escapees at Large

Thirteen hundred and fifty escapes have been made by PWs, but by 1 March all but 12 of these—6 Germans, 6 Italians—were back in custody. Fifty-six men were shot trying to escape, and of these 35 died, 21 were wounded.

For their work, PWs are currently paid 80 cents a day in "canteen coupons," good for the things they wish to buy. Germany pays American war prisoners about the same for work they do.

Calories for Yanks

General Lerch pointed out that the War Department has abundant evidence to prove that our treatment of German PWs has had a direct effect in securing treatment for American prisoners in Germany. He says Americans there receive between 1,800 and 2,000 calories of food a day—the same received by German civilians and soldiers in base camps—and through weekly Red Cross parcels they get their total diet boosted to a daily calory intake of 3,500 or as much as the average American civilian consumes.

The United States now holds 358,000 PWs, including 306,000 Germans, 50,000 Italians and 2,800 Japanese.

Basketball Banquet

McGuire's two basketball teams, the Generals and McGuirettes, will be tendered a banquet by the Special Services Office Friday night, it was learned today from Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer.

The banquet, which is for team members only, will take place in the Washington and Byrd Room of the John Marshall Hotel. Colonel Duggins, commanding officer, and Lt. Col. William H. L. Westbrook, Jr., executive officer, have been invited to attend.

Refreshments and dancing will follow the dinner.



MUSIC FOR MILLIONS—Varying reactions mark the faces of four McGuire patients enjoying the comfort of the library's spacious, new music room in the Basement of Building 207. For at least three of the men, strains of melody provide an esthetic break in the day's activity. But skepticism and wonder at the acrobatics of the automatic record changer take precedence over the music in the emotions of the GI at left.

Post Theater

Week of Thursday, March 22. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Patients admitted to first show only.

THURSDAY—"Keep Your Powder Dry," with Lana Turner, Laraine Day.

SATURDAY—"The Clock," with Judy Garland, Robert Walker.

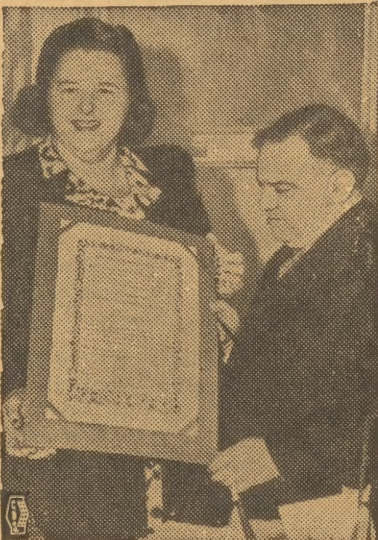
SUNDAY—"Earl Carroll's Vanities," with Dennis O'Keefe, Constance Moore.

TUESDAY—"Strange Illusion," with James Lydon, Sally Eilers.

WEDNESDAY—"Utah," with Roy Rogers, Dale Evans.

And have you heard about the little Texas church which advertised a chicken dinner and revival service thusly: "Come in for a Wing and a Prayer."

WINS AWARD



Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York City, recently presented Kate Smith, CBS singing star, with the annual award from the Nat. Conference of Christians and Jews for the message of good will embodied in her programs.

Wac 'Perfect 34,' Statistics Show

By Camp Newspaper Service America may have a new standard of feminine beauty as the result of statistics compiled by the Army's Quartermaster Corps on the physical characteristics of the women in the Army.

Here's how the typical woman soldier "shapes" up: She stands 5 ft. 4 in. high, weighs 128 pounds, has a waist circumference of 26½ inches, wears a 22 hat size, slips her foot into a 6-B shoe and her hand into a size 7 glove. The collar of her khaki shirt is size 13, and her ankles are incased in size 9½ rayons. Instead of the legendary "perfect 36" she is a size 14, which makes her an approximately "perfect 34."

A separate study conducted by the 1st Air Force among the more than 1000 women serving with that unit from Maine to Florida indicates that the woman soldier, on an average, is "the best educated woman in America."

The War Department Bureau of Public Relations declares the study revealed: "She had at least a high school education and some specialist training to begin with (21 per cent were college educated) and in the Army she has improved upon her original skills, learned a new skill or a new application of her old one." Seven women in eight were employed at the time of enlistment.

No. 1 post-war ambition of those interviewed is—by a majority of 73 per cent—marriage and home-making.

Sixty per cent had husbands, fathers, brothers, sons or fiancées in the armed services. Of the remaining 40 per cent, half were the only members of their families eligible for the service. One woman in seven was married at the time she joined the WAC, and one in 14 has been married since her enlistment.

Some women are so completely dull and boring they couldn't even entertain a doubt.

Give a woman an inch and she tries to become a ruler.

Heated Volleyball Race In 2nd Round Tuesday

Winners of first round games in the intra-post men's volleyball tournament will be matched against each other as the meet moves into the second round Tuesday night at the post gymnasium. Losers are scheduled against each other in the lower bracket.

The tournament, a double elimination affair, opened

Better Halves Win -As Usual

The Better Halves, a volleyball team of officers' wives, whipped the Kingsters last night in the opening girls' meet of the current post tournament. Scores were 15-6 and 17-15. The latter victory came to the Better Halves only after deuce play was called resulting from a 15-15 tie.

Cadet Nurses' Trojans won a technical KO over McGuirettes when the McG's failed to show up at the net.

The girls' tournament continues Wednesday and Thursday.

USO Plans Events For Palm Sunday

Plans for observance of Palm Sunday and Good Friday at the 2nd & Grace Sts. USO Club in Richmond will include musical and refreshment programs as well as another of the club's Public Affairs Forums Sunday.

All McGuire personnel have the usual cordial welcome to attend a "coffee-and-doughnut hour" at the Club Sunday morning at 0900. At 1030, church escort girls will be at the Club and the Palm Sunday musical interlude, presenting a choir from the Seventh Day Adventist Church, is scheduled for 1600 hours. This will be followed at 1700 by a refreshment hours and at 1930 by the Public Affairs Forum. Speaker on the last event will be Dr. Gerard Priestley, whose topic will be "Latin-America in the Post-War World."

A McGuire Hbspital orchestra will play for dancing next Tuesday night from 2015 to 2245 and Thursday night brings a junior hostess contest program, with "prizes and surprises." It begins at 2000.

Richmond churches will send some of their finest vocalists to the USO at 2015 hours, Good Friday (Friday, 30 March) for a musicale lasting to 2040.

Little Bigamy

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS).—Frankie Can Vie, a 58-year-old street car conductor, is 5 feet tall. His eyes are watery and his head is bald. But he is quite a man, withal. Police arrested him recently for being married to eight women—all at once.

Cold Weather Mask

FRANCE (CNS).—Troops in the ETO are going to get a new cold weather face mask, the Quartermaster Corps has announced. The new mask is made of waterproof cotton satin, lined with wool pile and felt, and has a removable flap to permit eating.

Tuesday night with the WOW! stamping themselves as definite contenders for the championship by trimming the Darkhorses in straight games, 15-1 and 15-7.

In the only match to go the three-game limit, Grogan's Soupbones, captained by Father Cashman, defeated the Klassy Kwintet. The Soupbones won the first game easily, 15-5, but folded in the second tilt as the Klassys turned on the power to win, 15-9. In the final game of the match, the teams battled evenly until the Soupbones edged out ahead by four points, 15-11.

Military Personnel had little trouble tumbling the Pro-Specs, 15-4 and 15-12, although a run of seven straight points in the second game threatened to provide a major upset before the Personnel team recovered the serve on a net ball.

Despite considerable advance ballyhoo and a loud and lively cheering section, the Plaster Buckets lost to the Eager Beavers, 15-4 and 15-10.

Feature of the second round of play is expected to be the match between the Soupbones and the Eager Beavers, with the tilt matching the winners, Military Personnel and WOW's, rated a close second.

In the lower bracket, the Plaster Buckets will meet the Klassy Kwintet and the Pro-Specs are matched against the Darkhorses.

Only six teams will remain in the tournament after conclusion of Tuesday night's play. A team must lose two matches to be eliminated, and losers of lower bracket games will be forced out of further competition.

Standings:	W	L
WOW's	1	0
Soupbones	1	0
Beavers	1	0
Pro-Specs	0	1
Klassy Kwint	0	1
Darkhorses	0	1



Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Personnel Officer, Female, Civilian, Hep

